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Docket No.: 13735 US1 (C38435/1097002CON)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Akira ASAKURA *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/470,667

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: **NOVEL ALCOHOL/ALDEHYDE
DEHYDROGENASES**

Examiner: M. Walicka

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of time for reply. A three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be December 4, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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